



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2064  
Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Advancement  
Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on April 25, 2002*

**SUMMARY**

S. 2064 would reauthorize expenditures of the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund, which pays for the operations of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Dispute Resolution. Current law authorizes the appropriation of about \$1 million a year through 2002 to that fund. S. 2064 would authorize the appropriation of \$4 million a year from fiscal year 2004 through 2008. The funding would be for operating costs and a new grant program to help nonfederal entities, such as state and local and tribal governments, use the services of the institute.

Assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized in S. 2064, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$14 million over the 2004-2007 period. S. 2064 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2064 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2064 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (environment and natural resources).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	1	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	0	4	4	4	4
Estimated Outlays	0	0	2	4	4	4
Spending Under S. 2064						
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	1	0	4	4	4	4
Estimated Outlays	2	1	2	4	4	4

a. The 2002 level is the amount appropriated for that year to the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund.

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill would be appropriated for each fiscal year. Outlay estimates are based on information from the U.S. Institute for Environmental Dispute Resolution, as well as historical spending patterns for this program.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 2064 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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